

## CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1           1.     (currently amended) A blood-collecting device for  
2 newborn babies and infants, the device comprising:

3                 a cannula extending along an axis and having at one axial  
4 end a blood inlet and at an opposite axial end a blood outlet;

5                 a ~~one-piece~~ bow-shaped bridge element having a front end  
6 in which the cannula is fixed and a rear end through which the axis  
7 passes and defining with the front end a free space, the cannula  
8 outlet being exposed between the front and rear ends in the free  
9 space and the inlet being outside the free space; and

10                a grip part centered on the axis and fixed on the rear  
11 end of the bridge element rearward of the rear end and outside the  
12 free space.

2.     (canceled)

1           3.     (previously presented) The device defined in claim 1  
2 wherein the bridge element is C-shaped.

4.     (canceled)

1           5.     (currently amended) The device defined in claim 1  
2 wherein the ~~handle~~ grip part has an outer surface substantially  
3 symmetrical to the axis.